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Claim Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in

strikethrough text. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Listing of Claims:

1.-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a first frame;

a membrane being removably attachable to the first frame;

a second frame, the second frame being collapsible;

a reconfigurable strap coupled to opposite ends of the second frame, the reconfigurable

strap being engageable with the first frame; and

a covering coupled to the second frame, the second frame and the covering together

formable as an enclosure disposed over at least a portion of the membrane.

25. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a membrane having a first end, a second end, and a perimeter;

a frame member being formed from a flexible twistable material, the frame member

coupled to the membrane, the frame member having a first shape being substantially curved

when the frame member is in a curved configuration and a second shape being substantially

planar and defines an area less than an area of the first shape when the frame member is in a

collapsed configuration;

a tension member coupled to the membrane, the tension member being dimensioned such

that the frame member is in the curved configuration; and

an extension member coupled to at least one of the tension member and the membrane

and configured to maintain an orientation of the frame member, when the frame member is in the

curved configuration.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a plurality of coupling

mechanisms including a first coupling mechanism and a second coupling mechanism, the tension

member being configured to position the frame member in the curved configuration when the

first coupling mechanism is coupled to a remaining coupling mechanism from the plurality of

coupling mechanisms and the second coupling mechanism is coupled to a remaining coupling

mechanism from the plurality of coupling mechanisms, the frame member being positioned in a

substantially planar configuration and having an extended shape when the first coupling

mechanism is not coupled to a remaining coupling mechanism from the plurality of coupling

mechanisms.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a pillow coupled to

the tension member.

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28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising an inflatable pillow

coupled to the tension member.

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a membrane having a first end, a second end, and a perimeter;

a frame member being formed from a flexible twistable material, the frame member

coupled to the membrane along the membrane perimeter, the frame member having a first shape

being substantially curved when the frame member is in a curved configuration and a second

shape being substantially planar and having an area less than an area of the first shape when the

frame member is in a collapsed configuration;

a plurality of coupling mechanisms including a first coupling mechanism and a second

coupling mechanism;

a tension member coupled proximate to the first end and the second end of the

membrane, the tension member being configured to position the frame member in the curved

configuration when the first coupling mechanism is coupled to a remaining coupling mechanism

from the plurality of coupling mechanisms and the second coupling mechanism is coupled to a

remaining coupling mechanism from the plurality of coupling mechanisms, the frame member

being positioned in a substantially planar configuration and having an extended shape when the

first coupling mechanism is not coupled to a remaining coupling mechanism from the plurality of

coupling mechanisms; and

an extension member coupled to at least one of the tension member and the membrane

and configured to maintain an orientation of the apparatus, when the frame member is in the

curved configuration.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 29, further comprising a pillow coupled to

the tension member.

32. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a membrane having a first end, a second end, and a perimeter;

a frame member being formed from a flexible twistable material, the frame member

coupled to the membrane along the membrane perimeter, the frame member having a first shape

being substantially curved when the frame member is in a curved configuration, and a second

shape being substantially planar and having an area less than an area of the first shape when the

frame member is in a collapsed configuration;

a tension member coupled proximate to the first end and the second end of the membrane

such that the frame member is maintained in the first shape;

a pillow coupled to the tension member; and

an extension member coupled to at least one of the tension member and the membrane

and configured to maintain an orientation of the apparatus, when the frame member is in the

curved configuration.

33. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the tension member is

configured to provide a tension coupling that defines the shape of the curved configuration of the

frame member.

34. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising a plurality of coupling

mechanisms including a first coupling mechanism and a second coupling mechanism, the first

coupling mechanism and the second coupling mechanism each being coupleable to remaining

coupling mechanisms from the plurality of coupling mechanisms to change the distance between

the membrane first end and the membrane second end.

35. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the tension member has a first

side connected proximate to the membrane first end and a second side connected proximate to

the membrane second end.

36. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the frame member can be

positioned in a first curved configuration with a first radius of curvature and a second curved

configuration with a second radius of curvature, the first radius of curvature being different from

the second radius of curvature.

37. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

opening a sunshade into an extended configuration, the sunshade including a membrane,

a frame member coupled to the membrane, a tension member coupled to the membrane, a

plurality of coupling mechanisms including a first coupling mechanism and a second coupling

mechanism;

coupling the first coupling mechanism to a remaining coupling mechanism from the

plurality of coupling mechanisms;

coupling the second coupling mechanism to a remaining coupling mechanism from the

plurality of coupling mechanisms, the coupling of the first coupling mechanism and the second

coupling mechanism to remaining coupling mechanisms urging the sunshade into a curved

configuration; and

coupling an extension member to the tension member and the membrane, the extension

member configured to maintain an orientation of the sunshade.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, further comprising inflating an inflatable

pillow coupled to the tension member.